

# UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY



#### **OPENING**

Open with a song or video that connects with United Methodist Student Day:

- "Open the Eyes of My Heart" by God's Kids Worship Band: youtu.be/DUeRTLig tk?si=QDSPH2-pZiMOF4rF
- "Trust and Obey" by Kids Worship Motions: youtu.be/JygIFH4Ly9g?si=g3osi5z8GtnenkFS
- "I Might Be Small" by Allstars Kids Club: youtu.be/QCAoiVCDIqo?si=P4zj-PUtSplOwlPv

## THE BIBLE STORY

Repeat after me these words that Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus:

"I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power."

## **ACTIVITY: "WISDOM CHARADES"**

Divide the children into small groups. Give each group a scenario or situation that requires a wise decision, such as "You see someone being bullied at school," "You are tempted to cheat on a test," "You see someone being excluded from a game" or "You find money on the ground." Instruct the groups to act out the scenarios without speaking while the other teams guess the wise decision. After each round, discuss the importance of making wise choices and how seeking God's wisdom can guide us in difficult situations.

#### **CRAFT: "OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART"**

Pre-cut heart-shaped glasses frames out of cardstock for each child: <a href="mailto:firstpalette.com/pdf/eyeglasses-heart.pdf">firstpalette.com/pdf/eyeglasses-heart.pdf</a>

Invite the children to decorate their glasses with markers, glitter and stickers. Attach craft sticks to the sides as handles. Explain that these "heart glasses" remind us to see the world with the eyes of our hearts empowered by God's wisdom and love. Encourage the children to wear their glasses and think about how they can see and show God's love in their everyday lives.